

MENTORED SPRING TURKEY

There were 735 Mentored Spring Turkey licenses sold in South Dakota for the 2018 season. All were single tag licenses valid for a male turkey. All mentors/hunters were surveyed and 392 responses (59%) were received. Surveys were only sent via email and no corrections were made for nonresponse bias.

The 2018 spring season ran from April 7 through May 20. Respondents reported hunting an average of 2.32 days, which projected to a total of 1,705 recreation days for the season.

An estimated 261 male turkeys were harvested, resulting in a success rate for this season of 35%. The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters/mentors was 5.82 (1 representing "very dissatisfied" and 7 representing "very satisfied").

The six units with the highest reported harvest were the Black Hills, Gregory, Grant, Deuel, Charles Mix/Douglas, and Day/Codington.

Summary of the 2009-2018 Spring Mentored Youth Turkey Seasons

YEAR	Licenses	HARVEST				Avg Days	Average
	Sold	Males	Hens	Total	%Success	Hunted	Satisfaction
2009	422	171	0	171	41%	2.88	5.81
2010	535	228	0	228	43%	3.14	5.83
2011	601	210	0	210	35%	2.60	5.63
2012	559	205	0	205	37%	2.36	5.75
2013	642	190	2	192	30%	2.32	5.71
2014	679	211	0	211	31%	2.30	5.54
2015	654	205	0	205	31%	2.41	5.70
2016	734	277	0	277	38%	2.68	5.78
2017	799	310	0	310	39%	2.70	5.85
2018	735	261	0	261	35%	2.32	5.82

2018 Mentored Spring Turkey Harvest Projection

Last Revised:

27-Aug-18

27-Aug-18			Response	Unit	Harvest Projections				Average Days Hunted	Mean Satisfctn Score
	Licenses				Total					
	Resident									
Unit/Type	Avail.	Sold	Rate	Success	Toms	Jakes	Hens	Harvest		
ST1-32	Unlim	735	59%	35%	206	54	0	261	2.32	5.82

Satisfaction scale of 1=very dissatisfied to 7=very satisfied.

2018 Spring Ment Youth Turkey Harvest Distribution

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County	Reported Harvest				Projected Harvest				%
	Toms	Jakes	Hens	Total	Toms	Jakes	Hens	Total	
01A (Minnehaha)	7	3	0	10	13	6	0	19	7.2%
02A (Pennington-East)	2	1	0	3	4	2	0	6	2.2%
06A (Brookings)	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	4	1.5%
07A (Yankton)	6	0	0	6	11	0	0	11	4.4%
08A (Davison/Hanson)	5	2	0	7	9	4	0	13	5.1%
11A (Bennett)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
12A (Bon Homme)	3	0	0	3	6	0	0	6	2.2%
13A (Brule)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.7%
15A (Butte/Lawrence)	3	1	0	4	6	2	0	8	2.9%
16A (Campbell/Walworth)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
17A (Charles Mix/Douglas)	7	1	0	8	13	2	0	15	5.8%
19A (Clay)	3	0	0	3	6	0	0	6	2.2%
20A (Corson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
21A (Custer/Penn-Mid)	3	1	0	4	6	2	0	8	2.9%
22A (Day/Codington)	8	3	0	11	15	6	0	21	8.0%
23A (Deuel)	4	4	0	8	8	8	0	15	5.8%
24A (Dewey/Ziebach)	3	0	0	3	6	0	0	6	2.2%
27A (Fall River)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
29A (Grant)	5	3	0	8	9	6	0	15	5.8%
30A (Gregory)	4	0	0	4	8	0	0	8	2.9%
31A (Haakon)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.7%
32A (Hamlin)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
35A (Harding)	4	0	0	4	8	0	0	8	2.9%
36A (Hughes)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.7%
37A (Hutchinson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
39A (Jackson)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.7%
40A (Jerauld)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
41A (Jones)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.7%
44A (Lincoln)	4	1	0	5	8	2	0	9	3.6%
45A (Lyman)	6	0	0	6	11	0	0	11	4.4%
48A (Marshall/Roberts)	4	2	0	6	8	4	0	11	4.3%
49A (Meade/Pennington)	4	0	0	4	8	0	0	8	2.9%
50A (Mellette)	3	0	0	3	6	0	0	6	2.2%
52A (Moody)	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	4	1.4%
53A (Perkins)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
56A (Sanborn)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
58A (Stanley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
60A (Tripp)	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	4	1.5%
61A (Turner)	2	1	0	3	4	2	0	6	2.2%
62A (Union)	2	2	0	4	4	4	0	8	2.9%
65A (Oglala Lakota)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
67A (Todd)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
BH1 (Black Hills)	7	3	0	10	13	6	0	19	7.2%
Unknown	1	0	0	1					
TOTALS	110	29	0	139	206	54	0	261	

Any by unit projected values will differ from by statewide projected values due to incorrect sampling proportions within management units.
Use these figures for approximations only!